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SUBJECT: DRAFT GOC EXCHANGES AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTING PLAN,
U.S. DRAFT PROGRAM DOCUMENT

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1. EMBASSY IS POUCHING CZECHOSLOVAK IMPLEMENTING PLAN ON CULTURAL-
EDUCATIONAL PART OF EXCHANGES AGREEMENT TO YALE RICHMOND, KENT BROWN,
AND WILLIAM LAWRENCE. WILL ALSO SEND SCIENTIFIC PART WHEN AVAILABLE.

2. IN NUMBERS AND RANGE OF PROPOSED EXCHANGES, IT IS QUITE EXTENSIVE
GIVEN THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE. EDUCATIONAL CULTURAL PROPOSALS
FOLLOW WITH POST COMMENTS WHERE APPROPRIATE.

EDUCATIONAL

3. SPECIFICALLY, GOC WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE NINE "UNIVERSITY

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PEDAGOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC WORKERS" FOR TWO-MONTH ANNUAL STAYS.

4. EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING 50 PERSON-MONTHS FOR FIVE TO TEN-
MONTH STUDY STAYS.

5. THIRTY WEEKS WORTH OF SHORT-TERM (I.E., UP TO TWO WEEKS)
UNIVERSITY "STUDY AND LECTURING STAYS."

6. ENGLISH LANGUAGE-AMERICAN LITERATURE PROGRAM TEACHERS IN PRAGUE AND BRATISLAVA (EXISTING PROGRAM).

7. PROPOSES "AMERICAN PARTY TO SET UP A LECTORATE OF THE CZECH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE AND OF THE SLOVAK LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE AT ONE OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND SHALL RECEIVE TWO TEACHERS TO ASSIST IN THE TEACHING OF THE CZECH AND SLOVAK LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE." COMMENT: HOW SHALL WE HANDLE THIS ONE. END COMMENT.

8. U.S. ENGLISH TEACHING SPECIALISTS FOR SUMMER COURSES FOR UNIVERSITY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS. COMMENT: EXISTING PROGRAM,

FOUR AMSPECS ANNUALLY, MAY GO TO SIX NOW. END SOMMENT.

9. GOC TO RECEIVE TEN PARTICIPANTS IN SUMMER CZECH AND FIVE IN SUMMER

SLOVAK LANGUAGE COURSES. (EXISTING PROGRAM.)

10. U.S. TO "ANNUALLY RECEIVE 15 PARTICIPANTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES."

11. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON AND DISCUSSION OF EQUIVALENCY OF DEGREES QUESTION.

12. EXCHANGE OF "TWO WORKERS ON ONE-WEEK STAYS" FOR EXPERT CONSULTATIONS ON FUTURE EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION.

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13. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIA IN EACH OTHER'S COUNTRIES. QUESTION: DOES DEPARTMENT MAINTAIN ANY SUCH MASTER LIST OF FUTURE GATHERINGS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION TO BE HELD IN U.S.?

14. CONTINUING COOPERATION WITH IREX. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THIS PRIVATE EXCHANGE ENDEAVOR NEED NOT BE MENTIONED IN IMPLEMENTING DOCUMENT. IS THAT CORRECT? END COMMENT.

CULTURAL

15. ON CULTURAL SIDE, CZECHOSLOVAKS PROPOSE ENCOURAGING COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE OF PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS. THEN LIST SIX CZECHOSLOVAK GROUPS GOING TO THE UNITED STATES AND TWO COMING HERE (BREAD AND PUPPETS THEATER, MARTHA GRAHAM BALLET). COMMENT: WE PROPOSE RETAINING ARTICLE WITHOUT SPECIFIC MENTION OF GROUPS, AS THIS IMPLIES USG COMMITMENT TO A COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY WE CAN FACILITATE BUT FOR WHICH WE CANNOT ASSUME CONTRACTUAL RESPONSIBILITY. END COMMENT.

16. EXCHANGE OF EXHIBITS IN 1977: ANTIQUE MUSIC BOXES TO THE U.S., AND "THE AMERICAN PARTY SHALL SEND AN EXHIBITION FROM THE FIELD OF APPLIED ART OR INDUSTRIAL DESIGN." COMMENT: GOC HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET ITS ANTIQUE MUSIC BOX EXHIBIT ORGANIZED FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS. END COMMENT.

17. EXCHANGE OF DRAWING-GRAPHIC EXHIBITS BETWEEN THE PRAGUE NATIONAL GALLERY AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. (ALREADY IN THE WORKS.)

18. EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS WITH EXHIBITS.

19. EXCHANGE OF "EIGHT CREATIVE WORKERS AND EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE FOR THREE-WEEK STUDY STAYS." COMMENT: OUR INITIAL REACTION TO THIS PROPOSAL IS THREE WEEKS IS PRETTY SHORT FOR A PRODUCTIVE STAY AND THAT SOME OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MULTI-REGIONAL OR IV PROGRAMS MIGHT BE USEFUL IN THIS REGARD. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMENT.

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20. EXCHANGE OF "TWO EXPERTS ON ONE-WEEK STAYS FROM THE FIELD OF CULTURAL RELATIONS TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS ON THE PRESENT STATE AND FUTURE POSSIBILITIES OF EXPERT COOPERATION."

21. EXCHANGE OF TWO OBSERVERS "TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS

OF SERIOUS AND LIGHT MUSIC OR OTHER EVENTS OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER FOR A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS."

22. U.S. "SHALL ENABLE ONE CZECHOSLOVAK MUSICIAN TO STUDY AT THE BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC IN BOSTON IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1978-79."
COMMENT: JAZZ IS A HIGHLY POPULAR FORM OF MUSICAL EXPRESSION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND BERKLEE IS A WELL-KNOWN AND RESPECTED SCHOOL.
END COMMENT.

22. EXCHANGE OF "ONE SMALLER THEATRICAL OR MUSICAL GROUP ON NON-COMMERCIAL BASIS." COMMENT: EXCHANGE OF MUSICAL GROUPS CLEARLY FAVORS THE CZECHS. MANY MUSICIANS AND GROUPS VISIT THE U.S. ANNUALLY. BY CONTRAST, THE GOC IS CAREFUL TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN MUSICIANS AND PERFORMING ARTISTS, USUALLY TO ONE-NIGHT STANDS BY AGING JAZZ FIGURES. WE PROPOSE USING THE IMPLEMENTING TALKS TO TRY TO REDRESS THIS BALANCE SOMEWHAT, BROADENING THIS ARTICLE ALONG THE LINES OF "ENCOURAGING THE EXCHANGE OF SMALLER THEATRICAL OR MUSICAL GROUPS ON A COMMERCIAL OR NON-COMMERCIAL BASIS."
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END COMMENT.

24. COOPERATION IN EXCHANGE OF PUBLISHING ACTIVITY, INCLUDING LITERATURE AND MUSIC, LITERARY TRANSLATIONS, AND "THE PRESENTATION OF DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL WORKS OF THE OTHER PARTY."
THE AMERICAN PARTY "SHALL SEND TWO AMERICAN TRANSLATORS OF CZECH AND SLOVAK LITERATURE," GOC "SHALL SEND ONE CZECH AND ONE SLOVAK TRANSLATOR OF AMERICAN LITERATURE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS."
COMMENT: ARTICLE IS A SOUND ONE, BUT WE FAVOR APPROACH ALREADY ESTABLISHED WITH SOVIET UNION OF EXPLORING LITERARY MARKETS ON BOTH SIDES BEFORE GETTING ANY MORE SPECIFIC. WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEND CZECH OR SLOVAK TRANSLATORS TO U.S.MN BELIEVE TWO MONTHS MAY BE TOO SHORT A STAY, WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND AMERICANS HERE ONCE SOME CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT THEY COULD PRODUCTIVELY TRANSLATE MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED. END COMMENT.

25. COOPERATIVE EXCHANGE BETWEEN LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND CZECHOSLOVAK STATE LIBRARY.

ARCHIVES - FILMS - HEALTH - SPORTS

26. REMAINDER OF DOCUMENT SUGGESTS EXCHANGING INFORMATION ON ARCHIVES, COMMERCIAL AND NONCOMMERCIAL FILMS, RECIPROCAL FILM WEEKS WITH DELEGATIONS, CZECHOSLOVAK FILM WEEK IN U.S. IN 1978, U.S. FILM WEEK HERE IN 1979, AND "EXCHANGE INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL FILM UNDERTAKINGS." COMMENT: WE WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE FILM ACTIVITY, ESPECIALLY ALONG LINES OF A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRAGUE FILM SCHOOL AND AN AMERICAN INSTITUTION, SUCH AS UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION

TO RECIPROCAL FILM WEEKS IN THE SAME YEAR, NOT STAGGERED AS IN
GOC PROPOSAL. HOW DOES DEPARTMENT HANDLE THIS MATTER ELSEWHERE
IN EASTERN EUROPE? BELIEVE GOC INTEREST IN INCLUDING FILM
MATTERS IS TO TRY AF EUCHRE US INTO GIVING USG SUPPORT TO KAROVY
VARY FILM FESTIVAL, WHICH USUALLY HAS STRONG WHIFF OF PROPAGANDA
TO IT IN ADDITION TO LATEST RUSSIAN FILMS ABOUT WORLD WAR II.
END COMMENT.

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27. HEALTH SERVICE AND MEDICAL SCIENCE, INCLUDING ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
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TO EXPERTS OF THE OTHER COUNTRY FOR "STUDY STAYS FOR THE TOATAL
LENGTH OF TEN WEEKS."

28. A "DEVELOPMENT OF CONTACTS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS,
PARTICULARLY BY SENDING TEAMS OF SPORTSMEN."

FINAL PROVISIONS-FINANCES

29. FINAL PROVISIONS INCLUDE ONE SAYING IMPLEMENTING PLAN "DOES
NOT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF OTHER VISITS AND EXCHANGES
AGREED UPON THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS."

30. FOUR-PAGE PROPOSED FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ANNEX SAYS
"PERSONS RECEIVED UNDER THIS EXECUTIVE PLAN. . .MAY NOT BE
ACCOMPANIED BY FAMILY MEMBERS" EXCEPT FOR AMERICAN LITERATURE
PROFESSORS COMING TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR ONE-YEAR APPOINTMENTS, AND CZ
ECH
AND SLOVAK TEACHERS IN THE U.S. ON SIMILAR APPOINTMENTS.
COMMENT: EMBASSY SUGGESTS OBJECTING TO INCLUSION THIS ARTICLE IN
IMPLEMENTING DOCUMENT AS QUESTION OF FAMILY TRAVEL NOT LEGITIMATE
SUBJECT FOR INCLUSION EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, U.S. WOULD
ACCEPT PROVISION THAT CONTRACTING PARTIES RESPONSIBLE ONLY FOR
PAYMENT OF STIPEND-TRAVEL FOR GRANTEE AND NOT FAMILY. END COMMENT.

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31. BASIC FINANCIAL FORMULA IS "SENDING PARTY SHALL COVER EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH THE TRAVEL TO THE CAPITAL OF THE RECEIVING COUNTRY AND BACK; THE RECEIVING PARTY SHALL COVER EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH TRAVELS INSIDE ITS TERRITORY RESULTING FROM THE STUDY/STAY."

32. GOC PROPOSES THAT SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS AND SHORT-TERM UNIVERSITY WORKERS RECEIVE A MONTHLY SCHOLARSHIP OF 1,300 KCS., SHOULD PAY FOR THEIR STAYS IN STUDENT HOSTELS, AND "WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE MEALS IN STUDENT CANTEENS UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS CZECHOSLOVAK STUDENTS."

33. OTHER, MORE SENIOR EXCHANGE SPECIALISTS WOULD RECEIVE FREE ACCOMODATION AND A DAILY ALLOWANCE OF 106KCS OR 87KCS. FOR FIRST AND SECOND CATEGORY SPECIALISTS.

34. RECEIVING PARTY SHALL COVER ALL PERSON'S MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY.

EXHIBITS

35. ON EXHIBITS: BOTH PARTIES SHOULD NOTIFY EACH OTHER AT LEAST SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE, AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT, EXHIBITS.

36. SENDING PARTY COVERS EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH TRANSPORTATION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE FIRST PLACE OF AN EXHIBIT AND BACK FROM THE LAST PLACE OF THE EXHIBIT.

37. RECEIVING PARTY SHALL COVER EXPENSES WITH HOLDING THE EXHIBIT, SUCH AS EXHIBITION ROOMS, CATALOGUES, INSTALLATION. NUMBER OF PERSONS TO ACCOMPANY EXHIBIT AND DURATION SHALL BE AGREED UPON BY BOTH PARTIES.

U.S. DRAFT DOCUMENT

38. AS FOR U.S. DRAFT PROGRAM DOCUMENT SUBMITTED REF A, WE BELIEVE THE BASIC DOCUMENT IS SOUND, BUT SUGGEST DELETING ARTICLE IV, PARA 1, BECAUSE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE WILL INTERPRET THIS TO EXCLUDE INDIVIDUAL EXCHANGES, SOMETHING THAT WAS A

MAJOR THEME DURING THE PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. PROCEEDING FROM HERE.

39. ONCE EMBASSY HAS DEPARTMENT-USIA COMMENTS, WE WOULD PROPOSE PAO MEETING WITH MFA CULTURAL DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES, AND TO TABLE U.S. DRAFT. DISPARITY OF LANGUAGE IN TWO DRAFTS WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO SORT OUT. DOES DEPARTMENT BELIEVE WE SHOULD SEEK TO HAVE ACTUAL NUMBERS OF GRANTS, PERSON-HOURS, ETC. DELETED FROM PROGRAM DOCUMENT? IF SO, SHOULD THEY EVENTUALLY BE THE SUBJECT OF AN EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES OR LETTERS? GOC MAY BE WILLING TO HAVE SPECIFIC NUMBERS REMOVED FROM IMPLEMENTING PLAN, BUT GIVEN FIVE-YEAR-PAN MENTALITY, WILL WANT TO HAVE THEM, OR APPROXIMATE QUOTAS, IN SOME EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS.

TIMING

40. IF WE ASSUME THERE WILL BE A PROCEDURAL MEETING AND SEPARATE SESSIONS ON THE EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND FINANCIAL/LOGISTICAL ASPECTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM HELD AT ROUGHLY TWO-THREE WEEK INTERVALS, THAT SHOULD EASILY TAKE US INTO JULY-AUGUST BEFORE THE SCIENTIFIC SIDE OF THE PROGRAM DOCUMENT IS DISCUSSED.

41. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD MOVE DELIBERATELY AND WITHOUT UNDUE HASTE IN THESE TALKS. THERE IS STILL THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICALLY HEAVY WEATHER AHEAD, INCLUDING THE TRIALS OF CHARTER 77-RELATED PEOPLE, SOME OF WHOM ARE ACCUSED OF WESTERN EMBASSY CONNECTIONS. WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION TO THE GOC OR ANYONE ELSE THAT, BY MOVING AHEAD ON THE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT TALKS, WE ARE SANCTIONING WHAT THEY'RE DOING ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS FRONT.

42. THUS, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO LEAVE THE PROPOSED DATE OF YALE RICHMOND'S VISIT SOMEWHAT OPEN AT PRESENT. LATE SEPTEMBER IS A POSSIBILITY, BUT OCTOBER MAY BE MORE LIKELY. ALSO, PREFER LEAVING DATE AND PARTICIPANTS IN SIGNING CEREMONY OPEN AT THIS TIME.

MORE ON BASKET III?

43. EMBASSY WILL BE STUDYING, AND INVITES DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER, POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF OTHER CSCE FINAL ACT BASKET THREE ITEMS IN PROGRAM DOCUMENT. THIS MIGHT INCLUDE PUSHING FOR GREATER ACCESS TO AMERICAN PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS, A POINT GOC CONCEDED TO US IN EARLIER NEGOTIATIONS AFTER CONSIDERABLE PULLING AND HAULING. BYRNE

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